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SWIMMING ADVISORY LIFTED FOR SILVER BEACH AVE.

DAYTONA BEACH – The Florida Department of Health in Volusia County has lifted the swimming advisory for the Silver Beach Avenue beach approach based on water sampling conducted this week. Currently no beach areas in Volusia County are under advisory.

A swimming advisory means that contact with the water may pose an increased risk of infectious disease based upon Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) criteria, and swimming is not recommended during those times.

Water samples are analyzed for enterococci bacteria. Enterococci bacteria can be found in the intestinal tract of humans and other animals. Associated bacteria can cause gastrointestinal illness, upper respiratory infections, or skin infections if open wounds or sores exist.

The Healthy Beaches Program monitors 13 sites that span over 40 miles of beach area. Background information on the Florida Healthy Beaches Program can be found at: www.floridahealth.gov.

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